

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name in PART A of page 2 hereof.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR THE RAPID ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS the specification of which:

\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto

X was filed on October 16, 1992 as Application Serial No. 07/962,418 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the prosecution of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed in PART B on page 2 hereof and have also identified in PART B on page 2 hereof any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed in PART C on page 2 hereof and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint the following as my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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PATENT APPLICATION DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

PART A: Inventor Information And Signature

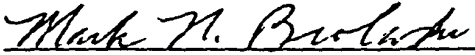
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ART B: Prior Foreign Application(s)

Serial No.	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Priority Claimed
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ART C: Claim For Benefit of Filing Date of Earlier U.S. Application(s)

Serial No.	Filing Date	Status:
5/903,481	September 4, 1986	<input type="checkbox"/> Patented <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abandoned
7/267,530	November 4, 1988	<input type="checkbox"/> Patented <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned
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